Land erosion due to Ganga in Buxer and Bhojpur, Bihar

2126. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central team of Ganga Flood Control Commission has recently visited the erosion sites in Buxer and Bhojpur Districts of Bihar for examining problems due to erosion caused by river Ganga;

(b) whether remedial measures have been recommended by the Central team;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government is going to requisite shcemes for saving the land from erosion caused by the river Ganga in Buxer and Bhojpur districts of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: (a) Yes, Sir. A Central team lead by the Chairman, Ganga Flood Control Commission has visited the erosion affected areas in Buxar and Bhojpur districts of Bihar in January, 2000 for assessing the critical erosion problem caused by river Ganga.

(b) to (d) The Central team visited erosion affected sites at Arjunpur and Umarpur areas in Buxar district and erosion affected site at Neknam Tola in Bhojpur district and suggested remedial measures to combat the erosion problems. The Government of Bihar has formulated suitable anti erosion schemes costing Rs. 145 lakh for Arjunpur, Rs. 87 lakh for Umarpur and Rs. 947 lakh for Neknam Tola areas.

Flood proofing programme in north Bihar

2127. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Schemes under flood proofing programme in north Bihar have been approved by Government;

(b) if so, the number of total schemes improved and schemes taken up by the Bihar Government for execution so far; and

(c) the programme of implementation of ongoing schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A total number

ninety nine schemes under flood proffing programme in north Bihar have been approved by the Government of India for implementation. Out of these Bihar Government has so far taken up fifty seven schemes for execution.

(c) Earth work for eleven number of flood proofing schemes has so far been completed and for the remaining forty six number of schemes the work is at various stages of completion.

Construction of a barrage on Tungabhadra river

2128. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project proposal relating to Signatlur-Huligudda Lift Irrigation Scheme from Government of Karnataka for construction of a barrage across the Tungabhadra river to facilitate irrigation of 16,188 ha. of land in Gadag, Koppal and Bellary districts of the state is under the consideration of the Government of India since 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the views of Government in this regard; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The project report of Singatlur-Huligudda Lift Irrigation Scheme with an estimated cost Rs. 123.00 crore for providing annual irrigation of 16188 hectares in Gadag and Bellary districts was submitted by the Government of Karnataka to Central Water Commission in July, 1998. Clearance of the scheme is, however, linked with compliance of all outstanding observations made by the various Central Appraising Agencies by the State Government.

Command area development programme

2129. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to states:

(a) whether the Union Government has released funds to the State Governments during the last three years for implementing Command Area Development Programmes;

(b) if so, the details of the funds released by the Union Government to the State Government of Orissa under the above programme till date, (year-wise); and